

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 822

By Fitzhugh

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Bill and Linda Godfrey, owners of The Greek Touch, upon the occasion of the restaurant's twentieth anniversary.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should recognize those exemplary businesses and their remarkable employees who, through their unwavering commitment to excellence, are a credit to this State; and

WHEREAS, one such notable business is The Greek Touch, a business that has become a mainstay of the Arcade in downtown Nashville; and

WHEREAS, in 1991, Bill and Linda Godfrey visited Nashville for their summer vacation; and

WHEREAS, during a tour of the city's downtown, Mr. and Mrs. Godfrey discovered the Arcade and were intrigued by the number of local workers who walked to the Arcade for lunch; and

WHEREAS, having just sold a business in Augusta, Georgia, the Godfreys were looking for a new commercial venture. The savvy entrepreneurs saw a demand for additional lunch facilities, and they soon found a vacant unit in the Arcade that they believed would make a quaint café; and

WHEREAS, the couple leased Arcade #13, returned to Georgia, sold everything, and moved to Nashville, where they launched "The Greek Touch" to address the shortage of Greek food in the downtown area; and

WHEREAS, the Godfreys opened their eatery for business on February 3, 1992, and introduced their unique style and cuisine to Nashville; and

WHEREAS, as first-time restaurateurs, Bill and Linda Godfrey were initially overwhelmed as the customers flocked into their tiny space; and

WHEREAS, from the very first day, Mr. and Mrs. Godfrey knew they had made a wise decision and were determined to give the very best of service to everyone; and

WHEREAS, over the last twenty years, Bill and Linda have served up their style of food, fun, and friendship to thousands of patrons, including legislative officials, judges, lawyers, state and metro employees, financial advisors, visitors from countries around the world and every state, college students, country music stars and aspiring musicians, and tourists; and

WHEREAS, rich in history and flavor, The Greek Touch's exceptional service and delicious food stand as a timeless testament to quality, pleasing and delighting the taste buds of local residents and out-of-towners alike, and upholding Greek culture and tradition with each delectable bite; and

WHEREAS, Bill and Linda Godfrey have operated The Greek Touch with expertise and integrity since the inception of their fine establishment, and they are wholly deserving of the formal recognition of this Body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Bill and Linda Godfrey and the employees, both past and present, of The Greek Touch for their tireless dedication to public service, congratulate them on the celebration of the restaurant's twentieth anniversary, and extend to them our best wishes for every continued success in all their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.